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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PREMIER KOSYGIN

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1. DECEMBER 27 SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN MET WITH TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL IN TWO 2-HOUR SESSIONS. ACCORDING
TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, THE FIRST SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO A SOVIET
STATEMENT OF ITS VIEWS ON VARIOUS MATTERS AND THE SECOND SESSION
WAS DEVOTED TO A TURKISH STATEMENT. DECEMBER 27 KOSYGIN ALSO
MET WITH AND SUBSEQUENTLY HAD LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT KORUTURK.
THAT EVENING HE GAVE A DINNER IN HONOR

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OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION. THE TURKISH PRESS MADE MUCH OF THE

FACT THAT KOSYGIN HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY BOTH AT LUNCHEON AND AT DINNER TO SPEND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TALKING TO OPPOSITION REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER BULENT ECEVIT. AT THE DINNER KOSYGIN WAS SEATED BETWEEN ECEVIT AND DEMIREL, AND ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, WHICH IS GENERALLY PRO-ECEVIT, KOSYGIN SPENT NEARLY ALL OF HIS TIME TALKING TO ECEVIT.

2. ON DECEMBER 28 KOSYGIN AND DEMIREL FLEW TO ISKENDERUN TO INAUGURATE A STEEL MILL WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE. THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY TOOK PLACE IN A DRIVING RAINSTORM, WHICH OCCASIONED KOSYGIN TO QUOTE A RUSSIAN PROVERB TO THE EFFECT THAT RAIN BRINGS GOOD LUCK AND TO SAY HE WAS SURE THAT THAT WOULD BE THE CASE FOR THE ISKENDERUN STEEL MILL.

3. UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM ANKARA LATE MORNING DECEMBER 29 KOSYGIN SAID HE HAD HAD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH PRIMIN DEMIREL ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING BILATERAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. HE SAID THE TALKS WERE FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND WERE DIRECTED TOWARD STRENGTHENING TURKISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP AND WORLD PEACE. KOSYGIN ALSO SAID HE HAD INVITED BOTH PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND PRIMIN DEMIREL TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION.

4. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WILL BE ISSUED LATER DECEMBER 29 WILL APPARENTLY BE THE RESULT OF HARD BARGAINING. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE DRAFTERS HAVE HAD A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TIME FINDING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE COMMUNIQUE WILL BE BOTH LONG AND DETAILED, ALTHOUGH OTHER THAN A COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 1975 IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT SUBSTANTIVE BILATERAL SUBJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED. THE PRESS CONTINUES TO REPORT THAT A CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT AND A CONSULAR AGREEMENT ARE BEING READIED FOR SIGNATURE. ADDITIONALLY, TURKISH INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRACTOR FACTORY, ANOTHER STEEL MILL, AND A LARGE HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPLEX CONTINUES TO BE A THEME OF SPECULATION IN THE PRESS COVERAGE. ANOTHER RECURRENT SUBJECT IS THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET ASSISTNACE IN THE SEARCH FOR PETROLEUM IN TURKEY.

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